

CLAIMS OF THE APPLICATION

1. (Currently amended) A process for preparation of preparing crystalline Form-I of Pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate, ~~said process~~ comprising:
 - a) ~~providing a solution of~~ dissolving Pantoprazole free base and a ~~stoichiometric amount of aqueous sodium hydroxide~~ in a solvent containing a stoichiometric amount of aqueous sodium hydroxide;
 - b) adding an anti-solvent;
 - c) cooling the ~~solution~~ mixture of (a) and (b) until a precipitate is formed; and
 - d) ~~isolating the precipitate, which is the~~ crystalline Form-I of Pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate.
2. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1, further comprising drying the isolated ~~precipitate~~ Pantoprazole sodium sesquihydrate.
3. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1, wherein said solvent is ~~selected from the group consisting of C1-C4~~ a C₁-C₄ straight or branched alcohols such as methanol, ethanol, n-propanol, isopropanol, n-butanol, secondary butanol or tertiary butanol alcohol, or other solvents such as tetrahydrofuran, or acetonitrile, or ethylacetate ethyl acetate.
4. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein said solvent is tetrahydrofuran, acetonitrile or ethyl acetate.
5. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1, wherein said ~~solvent~~ anti-solvent is ~~selected from the group consisting of an~~ aliphatic or alicyclic hydrocarbon solvents solvent comprising of petroleum ether, hexane, n-heptane, cyclohexane or cycloheptane, or a chlorinated solvents solvent, such as dichloromethane or chloroform or ethers an ether of groups having C1-C4 1-4 carbon atoms in a straight or branched

chain ~~such as dimethyl ether, diethyl ether, di isopropyl ether, di butyl ether or methyl tertiary butyl ether.~~

6. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1, wherein said ~~solvent~~ anti-solvent is dichloromethane or diisopropylether or methyl-tertiary butyl ether.

7. (Currently amended) The process of claim 1, wherein said ~~providing~~ dissolving step ~~includes~~ comprises heating a mixture of the starting Pantoprazole free base and the solvent to a temperature of from about 25°C to about 50°C until the solution is formed.

8. (Original) The process of claim 7, wherein the mixture is heated to from about 40°C to about 50°C.

9. (Original) The process of claim 1, further comprising filtering said provided solution of Pantoprazole prior to said cooling step.

10. (Original) The process of claim 1, wherein the solution of Pantoprazole is cooled to from about -10°C to about 20°C.